NARRATIVE
OF THE
CONFESSION
AND
EXECUTION
Of the three Priſoners
AT
Kingſtone upon Thames,
IN THE
County of Surrie.

On *Monday* the 22th of *March*, 1679.

With the account of their particular Facts for which they ſuffered, as more particularly the laſt Confeſſion and Exhortation of *Margaret Clark*, who fired her Maſters Houſe in SOUTHWARK.

And *James Chriſtian* for killing the Waterman, *John Sl'by*, *John Seamor* alias *Herring*, three notorious Highway men. With the names of the places where they committed the Facts, for which they now ſuffer; and many other remarkable Circumſtances.

HOw dreadful is Juſtice in it ſelf, when once offended, yet ſuch are the depraved faculties of erring Mortals, that they by their notorious Crimes provoke and dare it, hurry Ruine on their heads, and by untimely Deaths diſmiſs them from the World, e're half their courſe is run, or in the Bloom of

all their dayes, as is moſt firmly teſtifyed, by the diſmal ends theſe diſaſterous Miſcreants that haue juſtly ſuffered for their hei-nous Offences, receiving Sentance of Corporal Death at the Aſſizes holden at *Kingſton* upon Thames for the County of *Surry* on the 16th of this Inſtant, and Executed at the Gallows of the ſaid Town accordingly on Monday the 22th of this inſtant *March* 1679.

The firſt of which in order, was *Margaret Clark*, who was Arraigned, and found Guilty of that notorious and Fellonious Crime of Firing, *Peter Dellanoys* houſe, late her Maſter, the ſaid houſe being ſcituate in *Mountague Cloſe* in the Pariſh of St. *Mary Overies Southwark*; the proof againſt her was upon her own Confeſſion, that three Gentlemen, ſuppoſed to be Agents in the Popiſh Firing-Plot, ſeeing her ſtand at her Maſters Dore with a Child in her Arms, came up to her, and demanded if ſhe lived there, to which ſhe anſwered ſhe did, upon which Aſſeverarion, they deſired her to go and drink with them, to which ſhe conſented, but no ſooner being in the Victualling Houſe but they fell to treating with her about firing her Maſters houſe, and in fine for two thouſand pounds to be payed her at the *Fleece Tavern* in *Holbourn*, when the wicked enterprize had taken effect, ſhe agrees with them, this being on the firſt of *January*, on the Sunday following ſhe with (as ſhe affirmed) the Aſſiſtance of one *Satterwait*, fired it in three places, which had it not been timely prevented by the diligent care of Neighbours, had doubtleſs done much harm. Afrer her Condemnation, ſhe much bewailed her ſo raſhly being lead into ſo vile and dangerous a wickndneſs upon the only promiſe of a Stranger whom ſhe knew not where to find, deſiring forgiueneſs for her grievous Crimes, aud vile intentions, much lamenting her untimely End; bathing her ſelf in Tears, couſeſſing to all that came to ſee her, in Priſon, that the Devil had deluded her and drawn her into this ſnare, deſiring all to take warning by her downfall and inevitable Ruine, and continuing ſo penitent to the laſt, that notwithſtanding the notorious Crime for which ſhe was to ſuffer, ſhe drew a general compaſſion from all or moſt of the Spectators, and ſo concluded her Life in a Flood of Tears.

The next in this dreadful Sceene of woe, was *James Chriſtian* who was tried and condemned for barbarouſly murthering one *Robert Burrel* a Waterman near *Rederiff* Stairs; the Circumſtances ſworn to by the Evidence againſt him were as followeth; the Priſoner having formerly had a Quarrel with the deceaſed about

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taking a Woman out of his Boat, and had upon the ſame, grievouſly beat and wounded him before thiis laſt aſſault of which the deceaſed not only complained, but alſo kept his Bed for ſeveral days after, he beiug abroad the Priſoner again threatned him he would do his buſineſs for him; ſo that taking the opportunity of his lying to watch the Boats one night, he Aſſaulted him, and with a Staff firſt ſtunned him, and after he had recovered, and endeavouring to fly, thereby to eſcape his Rage, he catching hold of him, not only prevented him, but with the Rope and Hook that faſtens the Boat, he ſtruck him ſo many mortal blows, that within ſeven weeks he dyed of the ſame, affirming to the laſt, that *Chriſtian* had been the cauſe of his death; upon which Evidence after he was Conuicted of wilful Murther he received Senttnce, the which was this day put in Execution, after which Sentance he began to have a ſenſible feeling how much he ſtood in need of Eternal Life, ſeeiug there remained no hopes for the prologation of his mortal one here on Earth, and that there were but a few moments between him and Eternity; ſo that he began to grow in deteſtation with his paſſionate raſhneſs that had cauſed him to commit the horrideſt of Crimes, for Murther doubtleſs is ſo pondrous a weight unto the Souls of thoſe that Bath their cruel hands blood, that it compels them to relent, and ſtrive to waſh away thoſe Crimſon ſtains with ſighs and Tears, and ſo was it to be ſeen in this to be deplored Wretch, who ſtrove to the utmoſt of his power to admoniſh and deſire all that were preſent that for Heauens ſake they would be cautious to give way to Rage, leſt that overpowring their Reaſon, ſhould cauſe them to ſhed Innocent Blood, declaring that he never deſigned the death of him whom he murthered, but that he knew he had in his Anger threatned to deſtroy him; the which proved too fatally true, and ſo continued, but a little before Execution he received a Gracious Reprieve.

The next was that notorious Highway Man, *viz. John Seamor*, alias *Herring*, famous for Robbing of the Speaker of the Parliament houſe, and ever ſince uſurping of his Name, he had no leſs than five Indictments layed againſt him, and had once broke Goale, the chief of his Indictments were for Robbing one Mr. *Adkinſon*, of 3 or four pounds near *Staiis*, and the Miniſter of *Egham*, of his Watch and 5 or 6 Shillings in monies, with ſeveral other Goods of a confidetable vallue, all of them being plain and poſitive, beſides ſome twenty more that he had robbed were there to ſweare againſt him if he eſcaped the other, whereupon he received Sentance, and was this day Executed. The

The next was *John Selby*, who being apprehended and committed upon ſuſpicion to *Saliſbury* Goal, was there Challenged for Robbing one *Chriſtopher Hunt*, of 7 pounds of womens Hair and a Portmantel vallued at forty Pounds, upon *Bagſhot-Heath*, on the 12th of *September* laſt, as likewiſe one Mr. *Pepit* of four ſhillings, and ſeveral Goods to a conſiderable Vallue, ſo that being turned over to take his Trial at this Aſſizes, he had no leſs than five ſeveral Indictments againſt him, the Parties Robbed, ſwore poſitively, and his Ezcuſes ſlight and Friviſous the Court proceeded to Judgment and received Sentance accordingly. At the place af Execution he exhhrted all to be forewarned by his diſmal End; ſo continuing, until the Harbinger of Death ſealed up the Portals of his Voice, and wafted them into a vaſt Eternity.

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